

A-E CONTRACTING BULLETIN 97-01, 12 FEB 97

SUBJECT: Selection Criterion on Use of Recovered Materials

1. Have you noticed a peculiar new A-E selection criterion in the FAR? Specifically, FAR 36.602-1(a)(6) requires the evaluation of "demonstrated success in prescribing the use of recovered materials and achieving waste reduction and energy efficiency in facility design."

2. We formally commented on this FAR change when it appeared in the Federal Register as an interim rule, but to no avail. We said that it was too specialized and specific to be a basic A-E selection criterion, and was not applicable to many types of A-E services, such as survey and mapping, engineering studies, real property master planning, HTRW remediation designs, etc.

3. So what should you do? If the A-E contract is for the design of a building, utility system or other facility, then you must use this criterion. But, typically it would be listed as the least important of the primary selection criteria. However, if it makes no sense to use this criterion, such as for the examples in paragraph 2, then document the contract file stating why it is inapplicable.

4. This bulletin has been coordinated with Laura Meeker, Senior Counsel for Procurement Policy.

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